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Ai-Li S. Chin, a native of Shanghai and at present a graduate student at Radcliffe, is preparing a sociological analysis of the "new literature" in China. During the war she worked in the Office of War Information and Federal Communications Commission on enemy communications concerning occupied China. Her article in this issue examines, as an aspect of current social change, the personal problems of love, marriage, and vocation which confront young men and women in China.

K. L. Little, lecturer in anthropology at the London School of Economics and author of the recently published book, *Negroes in Britain,* is engaged in a study of racial and cultural contacts in African society. In his article he describes the new social classes now arising in the Sierra Leone Protectorate as a consequence of detribalization, formal education, and paid employment.

Robert Bierstedt is assistant professor of sociology at the University of Illinois. His principal interests are in sociological theory, particularly in a *rapprochement* between history and sociology, and he is at present engaged on a book on logic and sociology. In this issue he discusses some of the limitations of an exclusively anthropological approach to the study of literate societies.

At the request of the editors, **Clyde Kluckhohn** of Harvard has written a comment on it.

T. C. McCormick, chairman of the department of sociology and anthropology at the University of Wisconsin, specializes in research on statistical methods. In "A Rationale for Scaling Unordered Attributes" he explains a method of constructing a numerical index for categories that are not quantitative.

Clifford Kirkpatrick is professor of sociology at the University of Minnesota. In 1945, as research leader of an interviewing team of the United States Strategic Bombing Survey in Germany, he secured the information on which is based his report in this issue: "Reactions of Educated Germans to Defeat."

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